GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:133
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2004
PROCUREMENT OF KULHARS IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made the use of 'Kulhar' compulsory at the Railway Station/trains ;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefore ;

(c) the number of 'Kulhars' procured / to be procured and the amount spent / to be spent on the same during the current year, zone-wise;

(d) the number of 'Kulhars' daily used / needed by the Railways and its availability, zone- wise;

(e) the criteria / procedure for supply / procurement of 'Kulhars' in Railways ;

(f) whether potters will not be able to sell the 'Kulhars' directly to the Railways ;

(g) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(h) whether the middlemen are likely to get the advantage / benefits of the procedure ; and

(i) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide remunerative price of 'Kulhars' to the potters?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (i): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO
(i) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 133 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2004 REGARDING PROCUREMENT OF 'KULHARS' FOR USE IN RAILWAYS.

(a): Zonal Railways, Konkan Railway Corporation Limited and Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) have been instructed that to prevent environment pollution, no plastic cups are to be used in railway premises and these should be replaced with Kulhars.

(b): Khadi/handloom products have also been introduced on Indian Railways, manufacturing process of which is eco-friendly. Introduction of Kulhars and Khadi/handloom products will also provide job avenues for weaker sections of society by widening the market for their products. This in long run is aimed at improving the environment in Railway stations, ensure better standards of cleanliness and sanitation and take care of the weaker sections of society, giving them additional source of earning and livelihood. In view of using bio-degradable and eco-friendly material for serving tea,lassi etc. it has been decided to introduce the use of Kulhars, replacing the plastic cups on Indian Railways at stations and other places w.e.f. 25.5.2004.

(c) to (d) The details of the procurement and use of Kulhars and the amount spent thereon on the Zonal Railways and IRCTC is given in Appendix enclosed. As per the trends indicated by the figures shown in the Appendix, the projections for the current year is given Zone wise in the Appendix enclosed

(e) 'Kulhars' are bought from Khadi Village Industries Commission (KVIC) through Single Tender after ascertaining reasonableness of price from other agencies like Tribal Cooperatives, Small Scale Industries, Women Development Cooperation. In absence of KVIC or on inability of KVIC to supply the requirement, kulhars at different places are bought from Tribal Cooperatives, Small Scale Industries, Women Development Cooperation, Local Potters etc. The method of survey and quotation is applied for purchase in these cases.

(f) Yes Sir. Potters will be able to sell the 'Kulhars' directly to Railways.

(g) Question of reasons does not arise.

(h) Middlemen are not likely to benefit from the procedure as either KVIC, Tribal Cooperatives etc. take care of remuneration to potters or else the potters are directly getting the reasonable / remunerative price from Railways.

(i) Railways are adopting the procedure of Single Tender for buying from KVIC or are directly purchasing from willing Cooperatives, Potters etc. wherein price acceptable to the supplying Potters / Cooperatives is given by Railways.

APPENDIX

REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 133 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2004 REGARDING PROCUREMENT OF 'KULHARS' FOR USE IN RAILWAYS.

PROCUREMENT AND USE OF KULHARS AND THE AMOUNT SPENT THEREON ON THE ZONAL RAILWAYS :

Railway/Zone	No. of Kulhar proc-ured	Expenditure made on Kulhar	No. of Kulhar used/ requ-ired	Availability of Stock with Railways	Source of Procurement
Central	146415	100329	750	Available	KVIC# & Local Potters Tribal Cooperatives, small scale industries, women development Corporations etc.
Eastern	95000	42750	3100	Available	Potters
Northern	327735	147480	10925	Available	KVIC & Associate Organisation/society Potters
North Eastern	67000	20100	27000	Available	Local Potters
Northeast Frontier	65400	36135	2150	Available	Local Potters
Southern	73630	41691	240	Available	Local Potters
South Central	543260	355593	10818	Available	KVIC & Local Potters
South Eastern	1493100	522585	51728	Available	KVIC & Local Potters
Western	410000	295000	2234	Available	KVIC & Local Potters
East Central	711858	207395.50	4400	Available	Local potters
East Coast	89200	43500	2966	Available	KVIC & Local Potters Tribal Cooperatives, small scale industries, women development Corporations etc.
West Central	6840000	4104000	38000	Available	Local Potters
South Western	300000	191000	1666	Available	KVIC & Local Potters
North Western	33700	20456	374	Available	Local Corp. Potters
North Central	1025703	317552	7573	Available	Local Corp. Potters
South East Central	114000	41700	5092	Available	KVIC & Local Potters
IRCTC	825221	352544	10500	Available	KVIC, Local potters & Association of Potters
TOTAL	1,31,61,222	68,33,810.5	1,79,516		

= Khadi Village Industries Commission.